

New U.S. Application  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

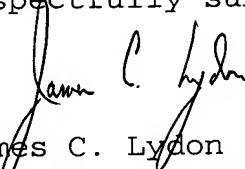
This Preliminary Amendment rewrites claims 1-12, and presents a new abstract. The amendments to the claims merely eliminate multiple dependencies. The new abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-12 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Transmittal of English Translation of International Preliminary Examination Report are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of this application is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Substitute Abstract  
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